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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6,13 and 15-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6,13 and 15-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/29/06;5/23/06.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 3-6, 13, and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 5,352,107 to Oh in view of USPN 6,221,690 to Taniguchi et al. Oh describes (e.g., Abstract) the well known use of an automold system for molding semiconductor packages. Taniguchi et al describe (column 6, lines 40-67) the well known process steps of manufacturing a BGA package by using a CO2 laser to remove solder resist and subsequently encapsulating the article with resin in a mold. The use of the particular steps of Taniguchi et al in an automold process such as described by Oh would have been obvious at the time applicant's invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art because the automold quickly processes the article.

Claims 1, 3-6, 13, and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP404113663A in view of USPN 5,352,107 to Oh and in view of USPN 6,465,743 to Owens and in view of USPN 3,767,304 to Keenan. JP404113663A describes the well known steps of manufacture of electronic articles by removing burrs with a laser and subsequently sealing the article with resin in a transfer molding machine. Oh describes well known automolding of semiconductor packages. Owens describes well known automolding of ball grid array (BGA) packages. Keenan

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describes "the detection and/or visual observation of various semiconductor defects".

Modification of JP404113663A with an automold arrangement for packaging semiconductors such as BGA's and with a vision system for detecting resist would have been obvious at the time applicant's invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art because the combination of processes provides rapid automated production.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samuel M. Heinrich whose telephone number is 571-272-1175. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, P. Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samuel M. Heinrich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'H'.

Samuel M Heinrich
Primary Examiner
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